## **CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION**

**Title of publication:** Ahmet Maranki's photo

Other known title(s): Not stated

**OFLC ref:** 1700694.005

Medium: Computer Image File Printout

**Director:** Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

**Applicant:** The High Court of Auckland

Classification: Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted

to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

Date of entry in Register: 11 April 2018

Date of direction to issue

a label:

No direction to issue a label has been issued

**Date of notice of decision:** No notice of decision has been issued

## Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is a high quality image of a man disrespecting a victim of extreme violence. Consideration was given as to whether the publication requires an objectionable classification, either because of the level of extreme violence and cruelty, or because it promotes or encourages acts of terrorism to a high degree. Taking into account all relevant circumstances, it was decided that an objectionable classification was not necessary. A restriction to adults is required, because children and teens are likely to find it disturbing and upsetting to an extent that it would have a negative impact on their mental health and wellbeing. An R18 classification is a reasonable and justified limitation on the right to freedom of expression as affirmed by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.